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IMPAIRED WATERS, VOLUNTEER MONITORS TO BE HIGHLIGHTED AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

AMES – The state of Iowa's water quality will again be the center of attention next month.

The Third Annual Water Monitoring Conference will be held Feb. 19-20 at the Scheman Building on the Iowa State University campus.

Louis J. Guillette Jr., Ph.D., a zoology professor from the University of Florida, will be the featured speaker Feb. 19. His presentation, "Contaminants and Wildlife: Lessons from the Swamp," will focus on the methods by which environmental factors influence the evolution, development and functioning of the reproduction system in vertebrates. For more information on Professor Guillette and his work, visit his Web site at <http://www.zoo.ufl.edu/ljg/index.htm>.

Several other informative and enlightening workshops will be offered, including "Panel Discussion on Water Quality and Health Effects," "Open Discussion Quality Policies and Standards," "Water Quality and Conservation in Iowa: A Farmer's Point of View," and "Volunteers in Action," which will include presentations from volunteer groups across Iowa.

Poster presentations are welcome. All citizens interested in water quality are encouraged to attend.

Cost for the two-day event is \$15. To learn how to register, for details on display space, or for more information, contact Stefanie Forret at (515) 281-3150 or stefanie.forret@dnr.state.ia.us. Registration forms may also be obtained via the Web at www.igsb.uiowa.edu/water. Deadline for registration is Feb. 14.

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